

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-2, 4-8, 11-12, and 14-27 will be pending. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to feature that the crosslinking agent B comprises at least one terminal and/or pendant isoprenyl group. Support for this revision can be found, e.g., on page 8, line 27 of the specification (note the compound "isoprenol"). Claims 3 and 13 were consequently cancelled. Furthermore, several claims have been revised to bring them in a more conventional U.S. claim format. In addition, claims 9-10 have been cancelled and claims 24-27, which were drafted bearing in mind claims 9-10, have been added. No new matter has been introduced.

With respect to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-7. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are distinguished over the art and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Election of Species for the terminal and/or pendant propenyl, isopropenyl and (meth)acrylic ester groups, Applicants respectfully submit that the Election of Species is moot in view of the above amendments to claims 1 and 11.

Furthermore, regarding the Election for the main chain of component B, Applicants elect "saturated polyesters". All claims 1-2, 4-8, 11-12, and 14-27 read on the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,
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